



## Recommendation for Action

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### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of two year contracts with three one-year extension options for a total five-year amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00 divided among the contractors Birch Construction, LLC; On-Call Management Services, INC.; and Valdez Remodeling & Weatherization, INC.; or one or more of the other qualified responders for the Solicitation No. IFB7200AHFC19002, which relates to the Austin Housing Finance Corporation's Private Lateral Program

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9A Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

### Fiscal Note

Funding for the initial amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Purchasing Language:

Three lowest responsive bids of five bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

### For More Information:

Rosie Truelove, Treasurer, Austin Housing Finance Corporation, 512-974-3064; or Letitia Brown, Community Development Manager, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 512-974-3132.

### Additional Backup Information:

Austin Water's (AW) wastewater collection system transports wastewater from residences to the wastewater treatment plants. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation's (AHFC), Private Lateral Program (PLP) is funded by AW to address repairs related to the residential private lateral line and is specifically designed to repair the portion of the wastewater service line that connects the house to the AW wastewater main. AHFC provides free replacement or repair of these lines for eligible AW customers of a single-family home or duplex whose household income is 100% or less than the area Median Family Income (MFI). This contract is an Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The total amount of the contracts awarded each year will be \$250,000.00. A work assignment will be issued to the contractor for each specific residential location and will be for amounts between \$1,000 and \$50,000. Any funding amounts in excess of \$50,000 will have to be approved by AW. IDIQ contracts are commonly used when precise quantities of supplies or services, above a specified minimum, cannot be determined. IDIQ contracts help streamline the contract process and service delivery and allow for flexibility to add work as needs arise or change. Work deadlines will be established for each work assignment. Project locations are entirely within AW's service area and may be performed in all Council Districts.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is a critical component of maintenance and emergency repairs to the wastewater collection system. Failure to enter into contract will place an undue burden on homeowners, and may lead to increased health and environmental risks due to failed wastewater lines.

A Request for Invitation for Bids was issued on July 8, 2019 and a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting was held on July 16, 2019 at AHFC Offices. Proposals were received on August 8, 2019 from five contractors. Staff recommends award to the three lowest responsive contractors. Information on this solicitation is available on the City's Austin Finance Online website:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=131537](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=131537)

ATTACHMENT: Final Bid Tab.